



Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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Wild West WinterFest ... Feb. 12 - 14

Are you tired of the cold weather, the snow and the ho-hums of Winter? If you answered yes to any of these, then it's time you get out and come to the Wild West WinterFest at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman. Three days and nights of activities and entertainment at a price the whole family can afford.

WinterFest officially opens at 4:00pm on Friday, February 12. Admission is just \$5 per day or you can get a three-day pass for \$9. Kids 10 years and under are always admitted free. Bring Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, friends and neighbors ... they're all sure to enjoy the Wild West WinterFest.



Visit www.wildwestwinterfest.org to get more details on activities, entertainment, schedule of events, contests and contestants entry forms and rules.

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Fairgrounds Foundation -BBQ Fundraiser



February 12 ... As part of WinterFest, the Gallatin County FAIRGROUNDS FOUNDATION is hosting a family night of great food and a silent auction. There will be Bozeman's own Honky-Tonk band "Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof" playing boot-scootin' music beginning at 8pm. BBQ Rib Dinner begins at 6:30pm in Exhibit Building #1 on Friday, Feb. 12. Full cash bar serving adult beverages. All proceeds go back to the Fairgrounds for much needed maintenance and improvements.

Silent Auction Items

Gallatin County Fair Family Package
Guided Fly Fishing Float Trip on the Yellowstone River
Harvest Day & Ranch Supper at Leep Hay & Grain Ranch
with more great items ...

Tickets - \$25 per Person

Includes BBQ Dinner, WinterFest Admission, Music and Fairgrounds Foundation Membership

TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

at the Holiday Inn Bozeman, Murdoch's and the Fairgrounds Office

Contact Info: 587-4561 Ext. 400
or the Fairgrounds Office at 582-3270



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Spring Home & Garden Show



The 19th Annual Spring Home and Garden Show is February 27th and 28th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Saturday 10am to 6pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm. Admission is free so bring the whole family out to see Chef Jim's cooking shows, vendor demonstrations, and entertainment by musicians, comedians and magician Walt Woolbaugh. Everything from windows to hot tubs. The first 1000 customers will receive discount coupons from the vendors. Make sure to sign up for over \$2000 dollars in give-a-ways. This year the show is sponsored by the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and ABC-TV 18/28.

Antique Fair - Gallatin Co. Historic Preservation Board

Gallatin County Historic Preservation Board is a non-profit organization dedicated to preservation efforts in Gallatin County. All proceeds from the Antique Show will be granted to local preservation projects in Gallatin County. Applications for preservation projects will be available at the show. The Antique Fair is February 5, 6 and 7 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in exhibit buildings #1 and #2. There will also be silent auction items. The free antique appraisal event on Sunday is from 1pm - 3pm (limit of two items per person) and open to all. Hours are Friday: 5 - 8pm; Saturday 10am - 6pm; and Sunday 11am - 4pm. Admission is \$4 and is good for all weekend. Kids aged 12 years and under are admitted free.



Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA)



WINTER CLASSIC IX TOURNAMENT

The Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association hosts the 9th Annual Winter Classic Adult League hockey tournament during the WinterFest. Sixteen teams from around the region will compete for the cup throughout the weekend: Friday 11AM-11PM, Saturday 7AM-11PM and final rounds Sunday 7AM-2PM. All games are free and open to the public. Game times and ice skating schedule can be found online at: www.bozemanhockey.org.

Upcoming "Junior A" ICEDOGS home games are January 29, February 6 and 19. Full game schedule, as well as nightly ticket prices can be found at www.bozemanicedogs.com.



LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM AND PUBLIC SKATING

Learn to Skate offers Figure Skating and Hockey Skating lessons for youth and adults. For more information contact Meagan Roberts: Its@bozemanfigureskating.org or 586-3941.

Public skating times: 8-11:50AM Monday through Friday and 12-1:20PM Saturdays. Skating fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Skates are available to rent for \$5 on Saturdays in the Skate Rental barn or from the Zam driver on weekdays. Please visit www.bozemanhockey.org for the exact ice schedule.



HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE (HHL) SPRING SCRAMBLE

Registration for the HHL Spring Scramble will open in the beginning of March online at www.bozemanhockey.org.

Adult Puck Lunch M-F from 11AM-12:50PM. Cost is \$6 for BAHA Adult League members and \$12 for non-members. Signup on clipboard in main West entrance, put money in an envelope with your name on it and deposit in the yellow post.

WILD WEST WINTERFEST - February 12 - 14

FRIDAY

Foundation BBQ Dinner
& Silent Auction
Horse Sale Preview
Tack Swap Consignments Taken
Dance: "Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof"
Meet the Dog Breeds
Cattle Sorting

SATURDAY

All-Breed Horse Sale
Chili Cook-Off
Tack Swap
Ag in the Classroom
Western Horse Training Demo
Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show
Teacup Dog Agility
Renegade Ice Bogs
Kid's Activities
Fiddle & Accordion Music
Irish Dance Demonstration
Dog Agility Flyball
Irish Dance Demonstration
Dance: "Western Skies"
Packers' Scramble
Battle of the Breeds
Packing Demo

SUNDAY

Cowboy Church
Working Horse & Driver
Dog Keg Pull Contest
Kid's Activities
Paws & People Fun with Dogs
Montana Raptor Center
Puppy Parade
Canine Talent Contest
Doxie Derby

EVERYDAY

Hockey Tournament
Frontier Mercantile
Quilt Show
Children's Art Show
Dog & Horse Events
Posse Burgers
Fantastic WinterFest Foods
Petting Zoo
McLien's Farm Barn
Photography Show
Wild West Café

See You At WinterFest



FEBRUARY Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Feb 4	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting Wild West WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	1:15pm - 3pm 8am - 5pm	Fairgrounds Office Outdoor Arena
Feb 5	Fairgrounds Foundation <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i> Youth Dance (under 21) by House Productions <i>(Admission \$6 9pm - 12am)</i>	6:30am - 8am	Holiday Inn Bldg #3
Feb 5 - 7	Antique Fair - Historic Preservation Board <i>(Admission \$4 - good all weekend ... 12 yrs. & under free)</i> <i>Fri: 5pm - 8pm Sat: 10am - 6pm Sun: 11am - 4pm</i>		Bldgs #1 & #2
Feb 12 - 14	WILD WEST WINTERFEST - <i>Experience the West</i> <i>(Admission \$5 single day; \$9 for 3-day pass; 10 & under free)</i> <i>Fri 4pm - 11pm; Sat 7am - 11pm; Sun 7am - 4pm</i>		Fairgrounds
Feb 15	CLOSED for PRESIDENTS' DAY		
Feb 16	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 8pm	Fairgrounds Office
Feb 18	Wild West WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	8am - 5pm	Fairgrounds Office
Feb 19	Youth Dance (under 21) by House Productions <i>(Admission \$6)</i>	9pm - 12am	Bldg #3
Feb 25	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>		Fairgrounds Office
Feb 27 & 28	Spring Home & Garden Show - Rocky Mountain Shows <i>(No admission charge) Sat: 10am - 6pm Sun: 11am - 5pm</i>		All Exhibit Bldgs

ONLINE ENTRIES FOR WINTERFEST

You can enter ONLINE now through February 7 for the following:



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| * Quilt Show | * Photography Show | * Children's Art Show |
| * Doxie Derby | * Dog Keg Pull Contest | * Fun with Dogs |
| * Canine Talent | * Dog Free Style Dance | * Puppy Parade |
| * Canine Adolescent Parade | * Rabbit & Poultry Show | * Working Horse & Driver |

You can find more entry forms, rules and details on other events happening at WinterFest at www.wildwestwinterfest.org

Marketing Minute - A Big Thank You to Our Partners!

It's almost here! The Wild West WinterFest is right around the corner February 12-14th and here at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds we are excited for this great Winter event. Whether it's the Dog Keg Pull, Foundation Dinner Friday night, live entertainment or the Horse Sale that brings you in; there is something for everyone and what a great way to get out of the house and enjoy some Winter fun! With all the events and activities going on during WinterFest, the Fairgrounds staff would like to stop and thank all of the **sponsors of this year's WinterFest. We truly could not put on this event without them.** Their dedicated support of the Fairgrounds and WinterFest is appreciated by the Gallatin community. So make sure to come down and visit us February 12-14th, and if you happen to stop in at one of our sponsors businesses, be sure to thank them and let them know your appreciation in supporting this great community event.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO ALL THOSE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORTED THE COMMUNITY AND THE WILD WEST WINTERFEST.

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Bozeman Daily Chronicle
Bozeman Inn
BoZone
Bridger Feeds
C'mon Inn
Cashman Nursery
Carter's Cobbler Shoppe
Cellular Plus
Circle L Arena
Costco Wholesale
Dee-O-Gee
F-11 Photographic Supplies
Famous Dave's
First Security Bank
Gapwest Broadcasting - XL Country
House of Clean
Karst Stage
KBZK TV
Lube Alley
Lone Mountain Ranch
Macy's
Main Street Quilting

Manhattan Bank
McDonalds
Montana Woolen Shop
Montana State Animal & Range Sciences Nutrition Center Lab
Mountain Communications
Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply
Northwind Sleds & Distributing
Old Chicago
Old Main Gallery & Framing
Olivelle
Outside Bozeman
Owenhouse Ace Hardware
Perkins
Pour House
Pub Hippo
R.O. Brooks Custom Leather
Rocky Mountain Supply
Silver Thimble
Sime Construction
Simply Office Supplies
Statewide Publishing Montana
Stockman Bank
TMC
West Paw Design
Yellowstone Vacations



FairEver Yours - from the Manager



February is one of my most favorite months! It can be the most wintery month of the year – for me, that alone makes it fantastic since Winter is my favorite time of the year (the more snow the better). My son was born in February so that makes it very special to me. Who doesn't love Valentine's Day - all those cute little heart candies with their special messages? A day set aside to honor all of our Presidents makes the month a time to think about how lucky we are to live in this nation. The fact that February is the only month that, every four years, has an extra day makes it very unique. For the past seven years it has also generated lots of excitement because it is the month when we can all enjoy the WILD WEST WINTERFEST!

This event is one of two the Gallatin County Fair Board and staff organizes and produces for our community. The other event is the Gallatin County Fair in July. Both of these events are family events showcasing the things that make our County so special. They both are great times to socialize with friends and families, be entertained, learn some new things and just have a good, old fashioned, western good-time.

I'll be watching for you at the Horse Sale, Dog Keg Pull and the dances on Friday and Saturday nights. Perhaps I'll get to visit with you at the Gallatin Fairgrounds Foundation's BBQ dinner and silent auction on Friday night. Maybe I'll get to sample some of your special Chili if you are a contestant at the Chili Cook-Off. I love seeing the quilts you have been working on and the photos you have taken. One of my most favorite exhibits is the Children's Art Show. We have many very talented young people in our community. I always take the opportunity to shop for some unique gifts at the Frontier Mercantile. I love the horse events, the dog events, and watching the little ones participate in the various "Kids' Activities". This year WinterFest is featuring some great local entertainment, groups that you don't get to see or hear every day. Both the Fair and WinterFest are opportunities to get glimpses of the agriculture in our county and how important it is to all of us. You can visit a momma pig and all her little baby pigs and then stroll over to the Haynes Pavilion for a rough and rowdy hockey game. The variety is incredible, the fun never ending and company is fantastic – all our neighbors.

Affordable? Why YES!!! You can buy a 3-day pass for \$9 with \$2 of that going into a special account to improve our parking lots (they certainly need some work) or you may not be lucky enough to be able to come all three days, so the purchase of a \$5 single day ticket is an option. You will still be contributing to the parking lot improvement fund as \$1 of that ticket will be earmarked for parking lot improvements. Children 10 and under are always FREE.

We hope you'll bundle up, bring the family and come to the Fairgrounds and enjoy all the fun stuff and don't forget – some of the best food anywhere is at the Wild West WinterFest!

*FairEver Yours,
Sue Shockley
Fairgrounds Manager*



OPEN RIDING

is available in the
indoor arena .



PLEASE CALL 582-3270 TO RESERVE
YOUR RIDING TIME.
\$7/Hour/Rider